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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Gerald
4 "Jerry" VanWinkle of Peoria, who passed away on August 9, 2013;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle was born on March 23, 1938 in
7 Peoria; his parents were John D. and Velda M. (Foster)
8 VanWinkle; he married Carol Hagel on October 2, 1970, in
9 Havana; and

10 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle graduated from Manual High
11 School; he subsequently attended Bradley University for
12 mechanical engineering; and

13 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle retired from Caterpillar as a
14 journeyman millwright, working in Research and Development at
15 the Mossville Tech Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle was a life member of Illinois
17 Lodge 263, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Mohammed
18 Shrine; he was a life member of the Society of Hospitalers, a
19 Thrice Potent Master and life member of the Valley of Peoria
20 Scottish Rite, and a life member of AMVETS (Army National
21 Guard); he was also a member of Midwest Gun Collectors, for

1 which he taught basic safety, and Midwest Cruisers Association,
2 where he enjoyed showing his 1979 green Ford truck at
3 cruise-ins; and

4 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle enjoyed spending time at
5 Wildlife Prairie Park and with his horses, Bobbie and Sissy;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle was preceded in death by his
8 parents and his brother, Ron VanWinkle; and

9 WHEREAS, Gerald VanWinkle is survived by his wife, Carol;
10 his children, Lynn Kerley, Mark (DiAnna) Kerley, Jerry (Kelly)
11 Kerley, and Michelle (Rob) Banta; his 11 grandchildren; his 7
12 great-grandchildren; his niece, Rhonda Dyess; and his
13 sister-in-law, Kay VanWinkle; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
17 Gerald "Jerry" VanWinkle; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gerald VanWinkle as an expression of
20 our sympathy.